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(54) **FLOATING AND WATERPROOF SOUND BOX**

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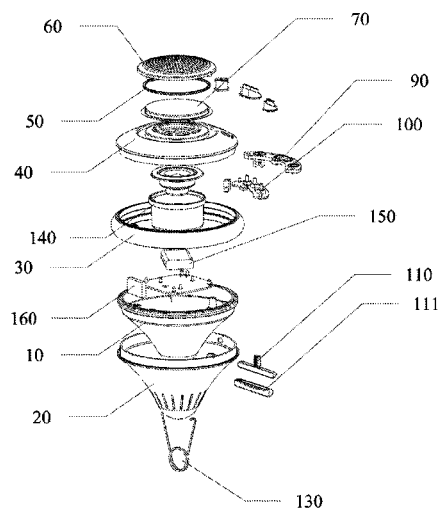
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a floating and waterproof sound box including a bottom house, the bottom house has a two-layer structure and includes an inner rear house located in an inner layer and an outer rear house located in an outer layer, the inner rear house is entirely enclosed, the outer rear house has a two-layer structure, at least one water inlet is defined in an outer layer of the outer rear house, and a water storage space is defined between the outer layer and in an inner layer of the outer rear house. The floating and waterproof sound box of the present invention can float over flowing water without being overturned or sinking and the inner rear house is entirely enclosed so that water penetration is avoided.

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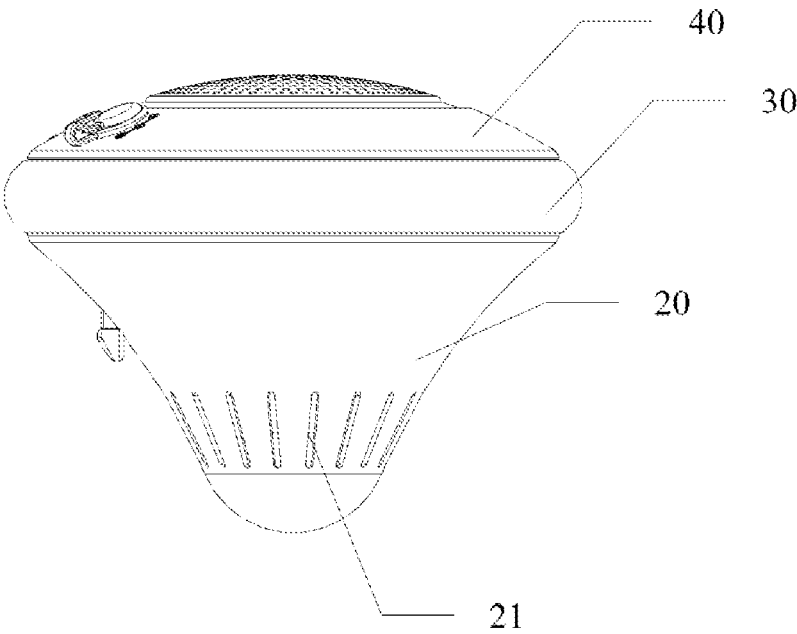


FIG. 1

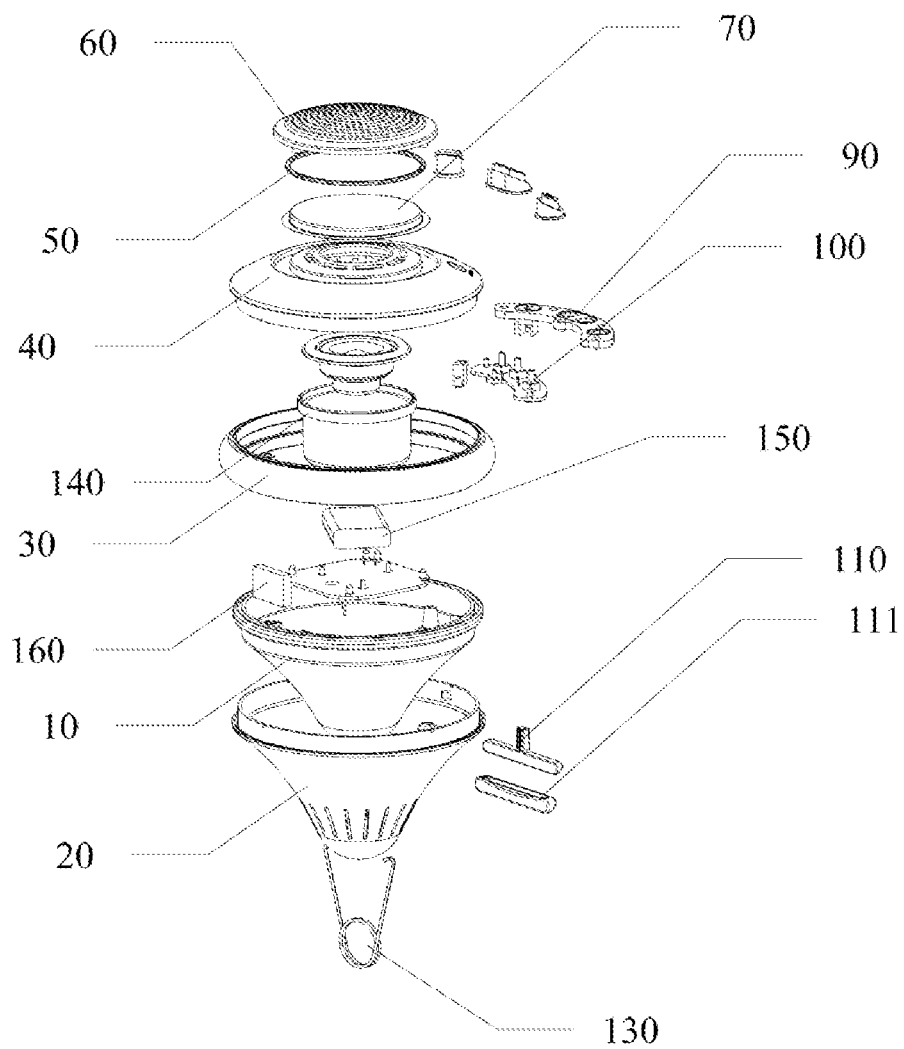


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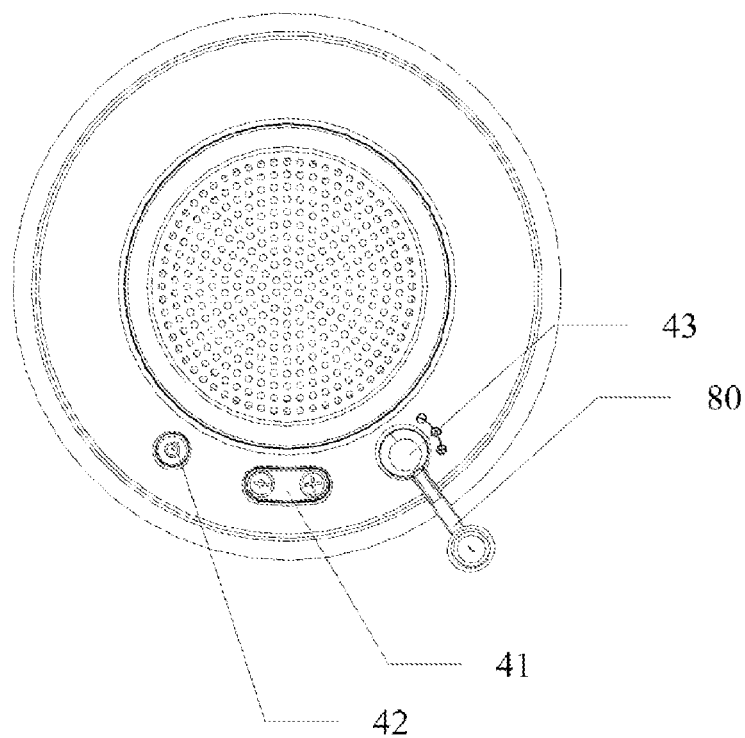


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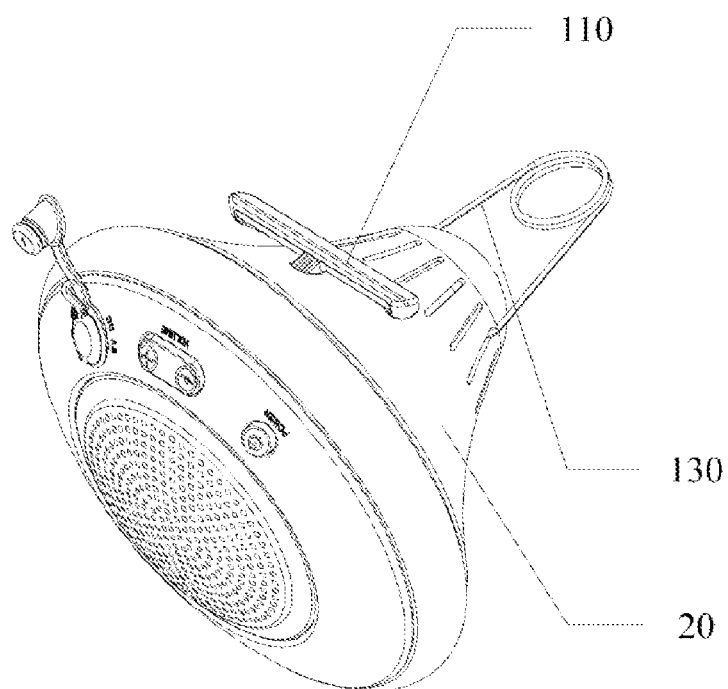


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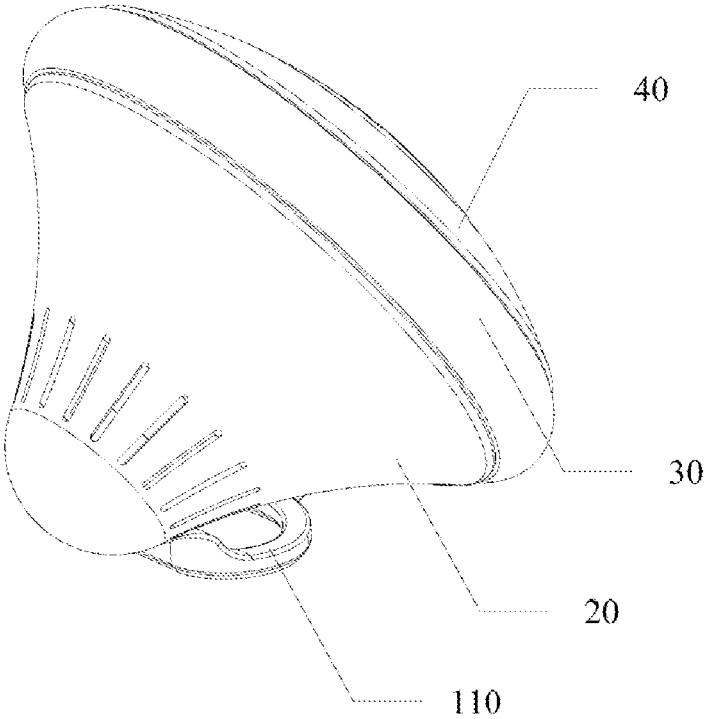
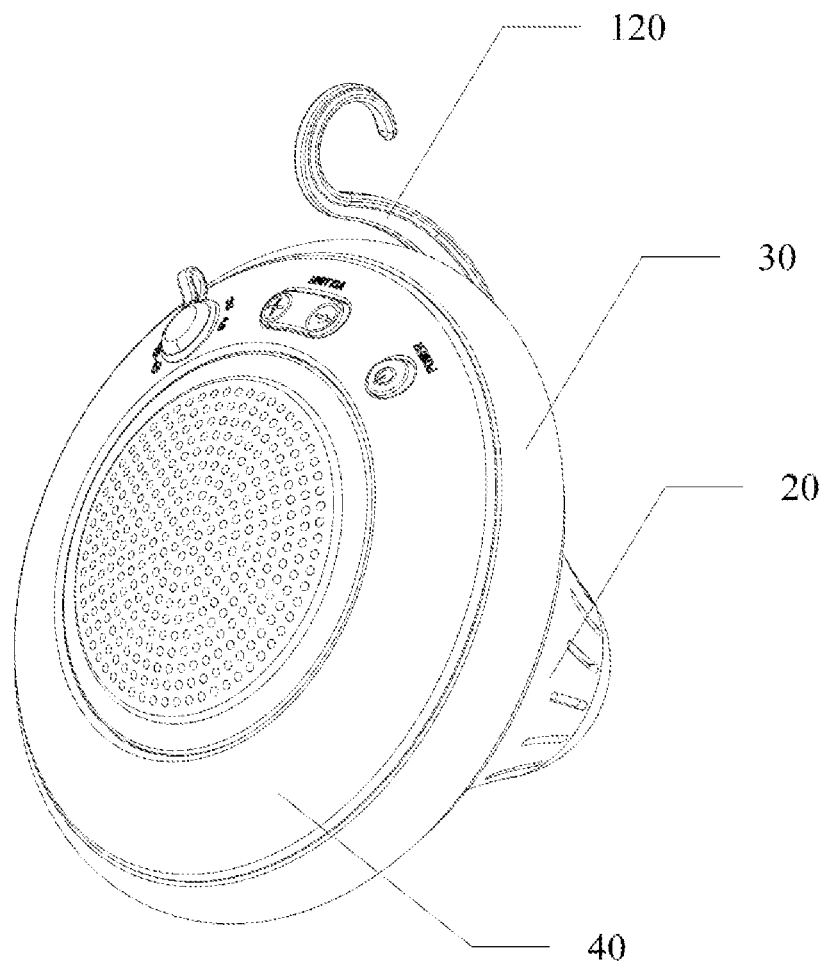


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FLOATING AND WATERPROOF SOUND BOX**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a floating and waterproof sound box.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Nowadays, sound boxes for playing music are often placed on tables or ground, and waterproof and moistureproof measures are needed to be taken for these sound boxes in applications. At present, sound boxes applicable over water surface are uncommon in the market, thus, sound boxes applicable over water surface are required.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A main object of the present invention is to provide a floating and waterproof sound box which can be applicable over water surface to overcome the shortcoming of the sound box in the prior art.

The floating and waterproof sound box provided in the present invention includes a bottom house, the bottom house has a two-layer structure and includes an inner rear house located in an inner layer and an outer rear house located in an outer layer, the inner rear house is entirely enclosed, the outer rear house has a two-layer structure, at least one water inlet is defined in an outer layer of the outer rear house, and a water storage space is defined between the outer layer and in an inner layer of the outer rear house.

Preferably, an annular floating ring is mounted on the bottom house.

Preferably, the floating ring is made of foaming material.

Preferably, an upper house is mounted on the floating ring, and a waterproof ring and a network cover are mounted on the upper house.

Preferably, a volume adjusting button, a power switch, and a battery charging port are formed on the upper house.

Preferably, a waterproof protection film is formed between the network cover and the upper house.

Preferably, a waterproof stopper is formed in the battery charging port.

Preferably, the waterproof stopper is made of silicone.

Preferably, the volume adjusting button and the power switch are made of silicone.

Preferably, a supporter is formed on an outer surface of the outer rear house.

Preferably, the supporter is flexibly connected to the outer rear house.

Preferably, a rubber pad is formed on an outer surface of the supporter.

Preferably, a first hooker is formed on an outer surface of the outer rear house and is flexibly connected to the outer rear house.

Preferably, a detachable second hooker is formed on a bottom portion of the outer rear house.

Preferably, the upper house, the inner rear house, and the outer rear house are bonded together via waterproof glue.

Preferably, an area of a cross section of a top portion of the outer rear house is greater than that of a cross section of a bottom portion of the outer rear house.

Preferably, a speaker sound producing cavity, a waterproof speaker, a wireless module, a sound effect integrate circuit, and a battery are provided in the inner rear house, and a weighting iron block is formed on a bottom portion of the inner rear house.

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Both the bottom house and the outer rear house of the floating and waterproof sound box have two-layer structures, thus, according to the draft principle of a boat, the sound box can float over the water surface without being overturned or sinking; in further combined with the annular floating ring, the sound box can float over flowing water without being overturned or sinking and the inner rear house is entirely enclosed for preventing water penetration.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a front view of a floating and waterproof sound box in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is an exploded view of the floating and waterproof sound box;

FIG. 3 is a schematic view of an upper house of the floating and waterproof sound box;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a floating and waterproof sound box with a supporter in accordance with a first embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a floating and waterproof sound box with a supporter in accordance with a second embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of a floating and waterproof sound box with a first hooker in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

Technical means taken for achieving the intended purposes of the present invention, and functional features and advantages of the present invention are further described below with reference to the accompanying drawings.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

In order to further illustrate technical means taken for achieving the intended purpose of the present invention and advantages thereof, embodiments, methods, steps, and advantages of a method and a system for automatic adaptation of hardware encoding and decoding and a video communication encoding and decoding method are described in more detail below with reference to the accompanying drawings and the preferred embodiments.

FIG. 1 is a front view of a floating and waterproof sound box in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention; FIG. 2 is an exploded view of the floating and waterproof sound box; FIG. 3 is a schematic view of an upper house of the floating and waterproof sound box; FIG. 4 is a perspective view of a floating and waterproof sound box with a supporter in accordance with a first embodiment of the present invention; FIG. 5 is a perspective view of a floating and waterproof sound box with a supporter in accordance with a second embodiment of the present invention; and FIG. 6 is a perspective view of a floating and waterproof sound box with a first hooker in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

The present invention provides a floating and waterproof sound box having a bottom house. The bottom house has a two-layer structure and includes an inner rear house 10 located in an inner layer and an outer rear house 20 located in an outer layer. The inner rear house 10 is entirely enclosed. The outer rear house 20 also has a two-layer structure with a water storage space being defined between an outer layer and an inner layer thereof. A plurality of water inlets are defined in the outer layer of the outer rear house 20. An annular floating ring 30 made of foaming material is mounted on the bottom house. An upper house 40 is mounted on the floating ring 30, and a waterproof ring 50 and a network cover 60 are

mounted on the upper house **40**. A volume adjusting button **41**, a power switch **42**, and a battery charging port **43** are formed on the upper house **40**.

Furthermore, a waterproof protection film **70** is formed between the network cover **60** and the upper house **40**. When the sound box falls into water or falls down due to fluctuation, the waterproof protection film **70** can prevent water from entering the sound box through the network cover **60**. In an embodiment, the waterproof protection film **70** is made of thermoplastic polyurethane flexible material.

Furthermore, a waterproof stopper **80** is formed in the battery charging port **43** for preventing water from entering the sound box through the battery charging port **43**. In an embodiment, the waterproof stopper **80** is made of silicone.

Furthermore, the volume adjusting button **41** and the power switch **42** are made of silicone. Since silicone has a good plasticity, the silicone buttons can tightly contact the upper house **40**, thereby preventing water from entering the sound box through gaps between the buttons and the upper house **40**. The volume adjusting button **41**, the power switch **42**, and the waterproof stopper **80** are inserted into through holes defined in the upper house **40** to be mounted on a fixing panel **90**. A vice PCB **100** is mounted on the fixing panel **90**. The vice PCB **100** includes a plurality of fixing shafts respectively engageable with the volume adjusting button **41**, the power switch **42**, and the waterproof stopper **80**. The volume adjusting button **41**, the power switch **42**, and the waterproof stopper **80** are hollow, and the fixing shafts are inserted into the volume adjusting button **41**, the power switch **42**, and the waterproof stopper **80** for fixing the volume adjusting button **41**, the power switch **42**, and the waterproof stopper **80** to the vice PCB **100**. The fixing panel **90** and the vice PCB **100** then are screwed together. In this way, the vice PCB **100**, the fixing panel **90**, the volume adjusting button **41**, the power switch **42**, and the waterproof stopper **80** are fixed on the upper house **40**.

Furthermore, a supporter **110** is formed on an outer surface of the outer rear house **20**. When the floating and waterproof sound box is placed on a table rather than in water, the supporter **110** can support the sound box such that the sound box is stabilized. In an embodiment, the supporter **110** is flexibly connected to the outer rear house **20** and a rubber pad **111** is formed on an outer surface of the supporter **110**.

Furthermore, a first hooker **120** is formed on the outer surface of the outer rear house **20** and is detachably connected to the outer rear house **20**, allowing the sound box to be hung up. Since the supporter **110** and the first hooker **120** are both flexibly connected to the outer rear house **20**, a user may choose to place the sound box on ground via the supporter **110** or hang up the sound box via the first hooker **120**. The supporter may be T-shaped as shown in FIG. 5 or circular-shaped as shown in FIG. 6.

Furthermore, a second hooker **130** is formed on a bottom portion of the outer rear house **20**, allowing the sound box to be hung on the wall or other objects for saving space.

Furthermore, the upper house **40**, the inner rear house **10**, and the outer rear house **20** are bonded together via waterproof glue.

An area of a cross section of a top portion of the outer rear house **20** is greater than that of a cross section of a bottom portion of the outer rear house **20**. A speaker sound producing cavity, a waterproof speaker, a wireless module, a sound effect integrate circuit, and a battery **150** are formed in the inner rear house **10**. A weighting iron block **160** is formed on a bottom portion of the inner rear house **10** such that the floating and waterproof sound box can be balanced and a gravity center thereof can face down.

Both the bottom house and the outer rear house **20** of the floating and waterproof sound box have two-layer structures, thus, according to the draft principle of a boat, the sound box can float over the water surface without being overturned or sinking; in further combined with the annular floating ring **30**, the floating and waterproof sound box can float over flowing water without being overturned or sinking and the inner rear house **10** is entirely enclosed for preventing water penetration.

After the floating and waterproof sound box is placed over the water surface and draws water, the sound box is half in the water with the part thereof above the annular floating ring **30** exposed above the water surface. The sound box floats on the water and produces sound, thus, the floating and waterproof sound box can operate and produce sound in regardless of the water fluctuation, which allows the sound box to be applicable in any outdoor water-related environment such as a swimming pool, a lake pool, a stream or a river, and a seaside and also to be applicable in any indoor water-related environment such as an indoor swimming pool, a bathhouse, a hot spring, and even a home bathtub, in regardless of the weather.

The foregoing descriptions are only preferred embodiments of the present invention and are not intended to limit the present invention. Any modification, equivalent replacement and improvement made under the spirit and principle of the present invention should be included in the protection scope thereof.

What is claimed is:

1. A floating and waterproof sound box comprising a bottom house, wherein the bottom house has a two-layer structure and comprises an inner rear house located in an inner layer and an outer rear house located in an outer layer, the inner rear house is entirely enclosed, the outer rear house has a two-layer structure, at least one water inlet is defined in an outer layer of the outer rear house, and a water storage space is defined between the outer layer and in an inner layer of the outer rear house.

2. The floating and waterproof sound box as claimed in claim 1, wherein an annular floating ring is mounted on the bottom house.

3. The sound box as claimed in claim 2, wherein the floating ring is made of foaming material.

4. The sound box as claimed in claim 2, wherein an upper house is mounted on the floating ring, and a waterproof ring and a network cover are mounted on the upper house.

5. The sound box as claimed in claim 4, wherein a volume adjusting button, a power switch, and a battery charging port are formed on the upper house.

6. The sound box as claimed in claim 5, wherein a waterproof protection film is formed between the network cover and the upper house.

7. The sound box as claimed in claim 6, wherein a waterproof stopper is formed in the battery charging port.

8. The sound box as claimed in claim 7, wherein the waterproof stopper is made of silicone.

9. The sound box as claimed in claim 6, wherein the volume adjusting button and the power switch are made of silicone.

10. The sound box as claimed in claim 9, wherein a supporter is formed on an outer surface of the outer rear house.

11. The sound box as claimed in claim 10, wherein the supporter is flexibly connected to the outer rear house.

12. The sound box as claimed in claim 11, wherein a rubber pad is formed on an outer surface of the supporter.

13. The sound box as claimed in claim 9, wherein a first hooker is formed on an outer surface of the outer rear house and is flexibly connected to the outer rear house.

14. The sound box as claimed in claim 12, wherein a detachable second hooker is formed on a bottom portion of the outer rear house.

15. The sound box as claimed in claim 14, wherein the upper house, the inner rear house, and the outer rear house are 5 bonded together via waterproof glue.

16. The sound box as claimed in claim 1, wherein an area of a cross section of a top portion of the outer rear house is greater than that of a cross section of a bottom portion of the outer rear house. 10

17. The sound box as claimed in claim 1, wherein a speaker sound producing cavity, a waterproof speaker, a wireless module, a sound effect integrate circuit, and a battery are provided in the inner rear house, and a weighting iron block is formed on a bottom portion of the inner rear house. 15

18. The sound box as claimed in claim 13, wherein a detachable second hooker is formed on a bottom portion of the outer rear house.

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